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FOREWORD

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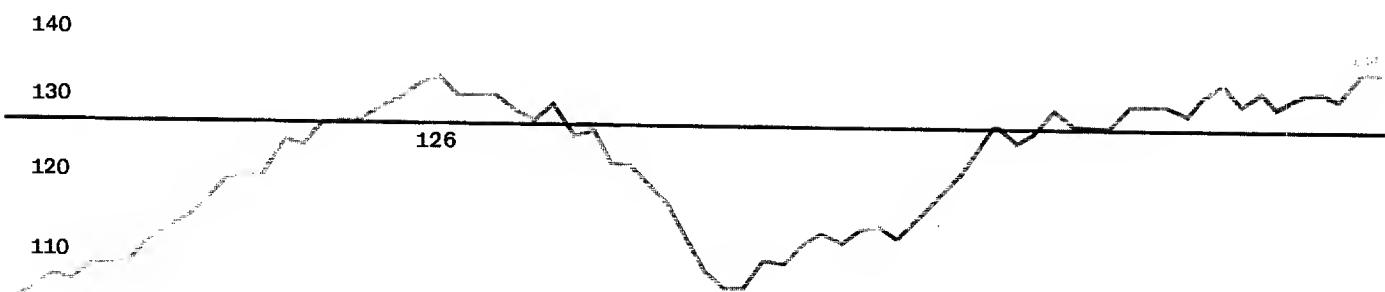
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United States

Semilogarithmic Scale



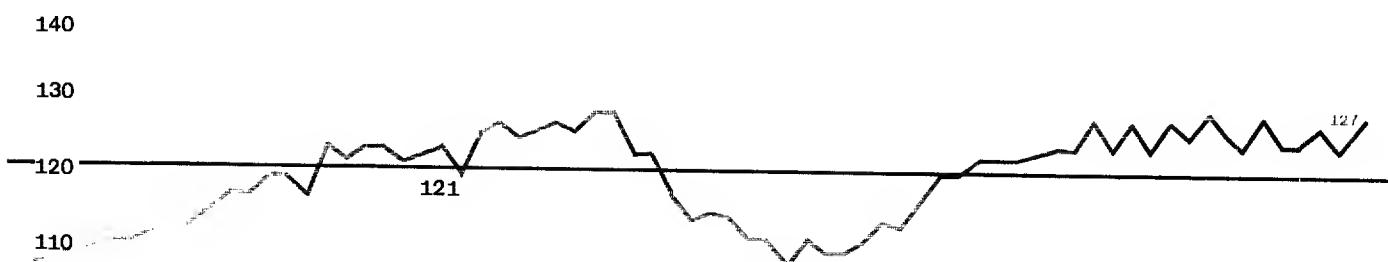
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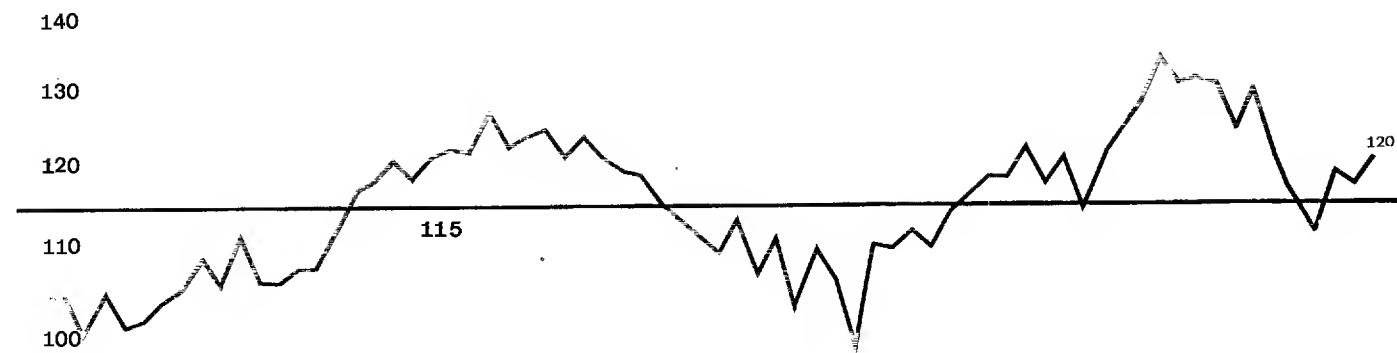


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United Kingdom

Semilogarithmic Scale

**Italy****Canada**

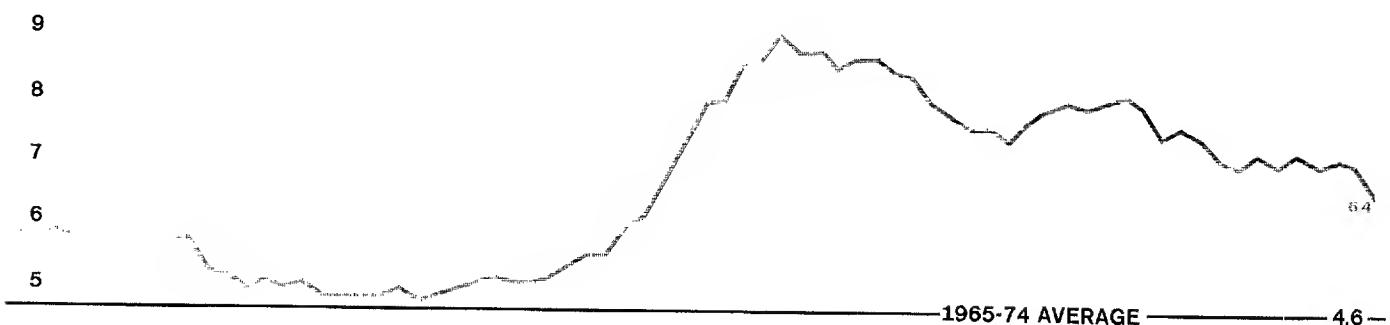
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1972				1973				1974				1975			1976			1977	

	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE			LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE			
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹	
United States	DEC 77	0.2	3.5	4.9	2.3	United Kingdom	NOV 77	0.5	0.4	2.0	1.4
Japan	DEC 77	0.3	4.0	3.3	8.7	Italy	NOV 77	2.4	1.5	6.6	10.4
West Germany	NOV 77	0.9	2.2	1.7	3.5	Canada	NOV 77	0.6	0.9	4.5	0.6
France	NOV 77	3.3	3.3	1.6	0						

¹Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE

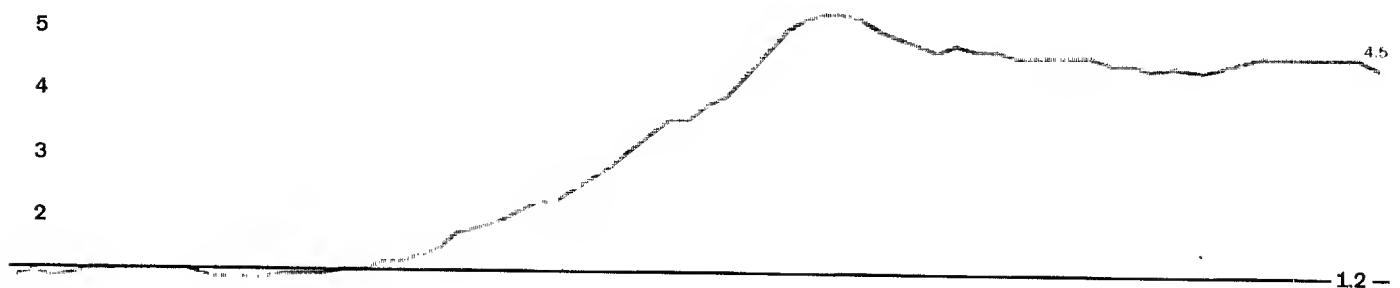
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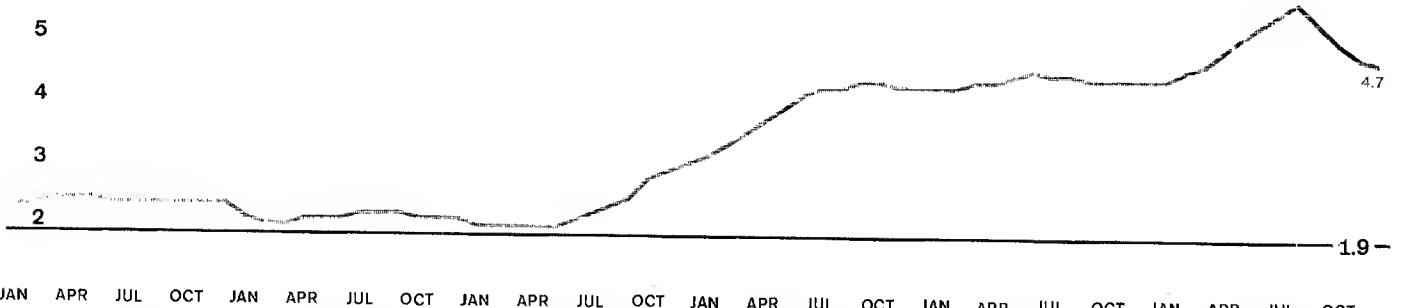
Japan



West Germany



France



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United Kingdom

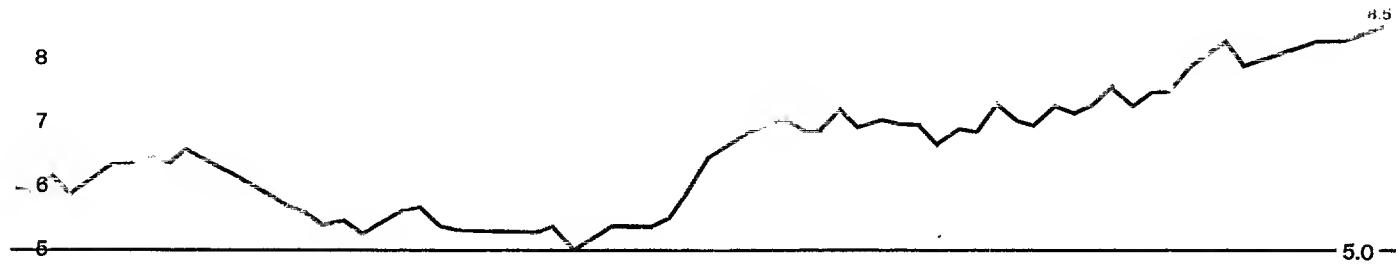


Italy (quarterly)



A labor force survey based on new definitions of economic activity sharply raised the official estimate of Italian unemployment in first quarter 1977. Data for earlier periods thus are not comparable.
Italian data are not seasonally adjusted.

Canada



JAN APR JUL OCT
1972 **1973** **1974** **1975** **1976** **1977**

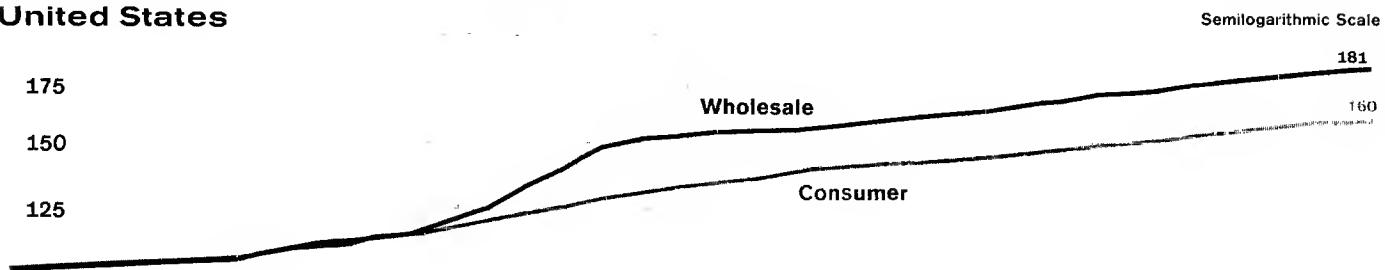
THOUSANDS OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED

	LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
United States	DEC 77	6,337	7,519	6,773	United Kingdom	JAN 78	1,428	1,338	1,433
Japan	NOV 77	1,110	1,070	1,130	Italy	/ / IV	1,598	777	1,692
West Germany	DEC 77	1,027	1,009	1,038	Canada	DEC 77	911	772	798
France	DEC 77	1,026	930	1,158					

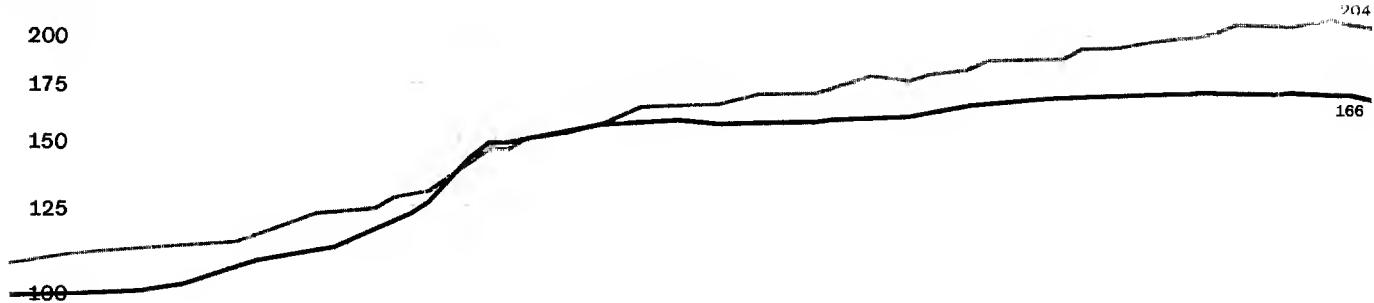
NOTE: Data are seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates for France are estimated. The rates shown for Japan and Canada are roughly comparable to US rates. For 1975-77, the rates for France and the United Kingdom should be increased by 5 percent and 15 percent respectively, and those for West Germany decreased by 20 percent to be roughly comparable with US rates.

DOMESTIC PRICES¹ INDEX: 1970=100

United States



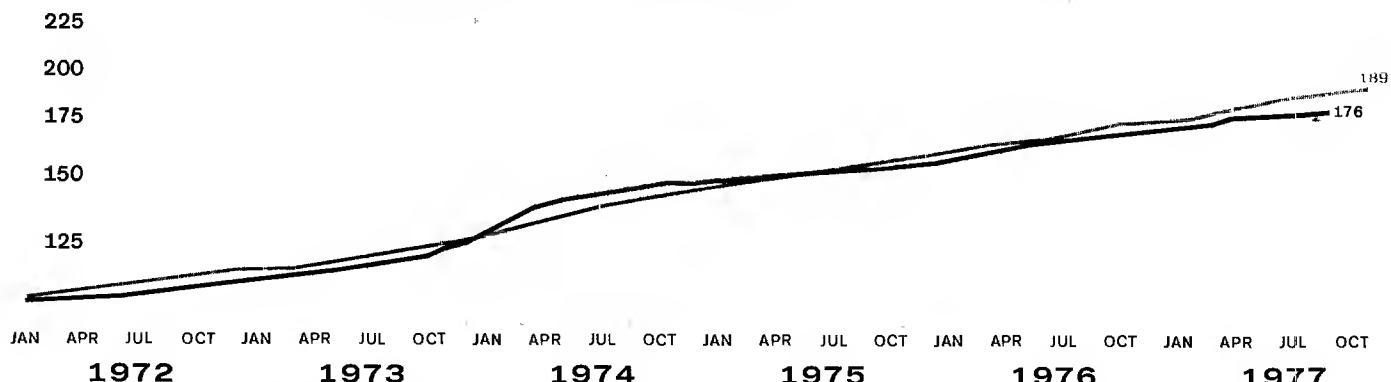
Japan



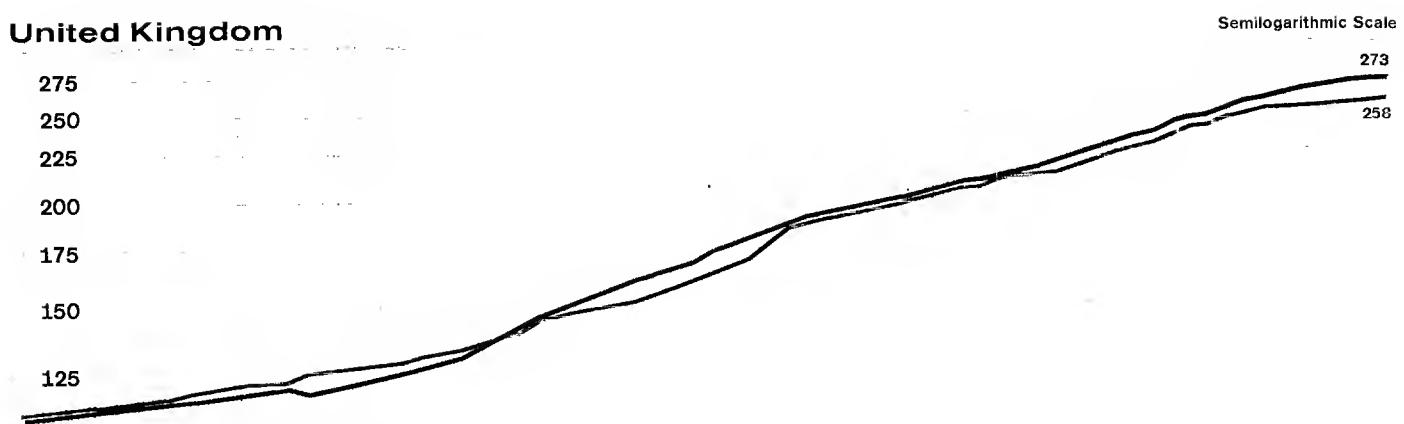
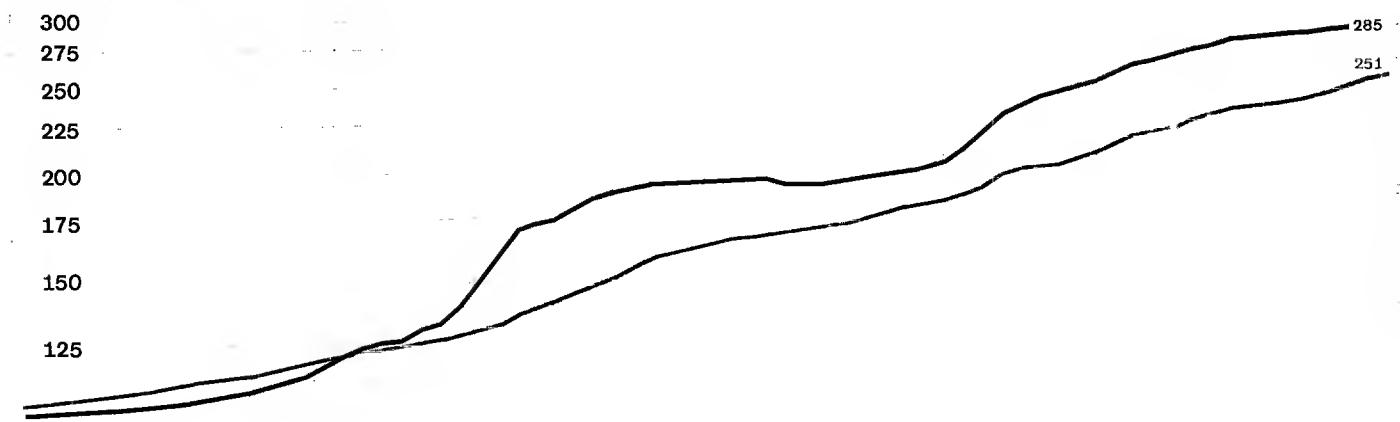
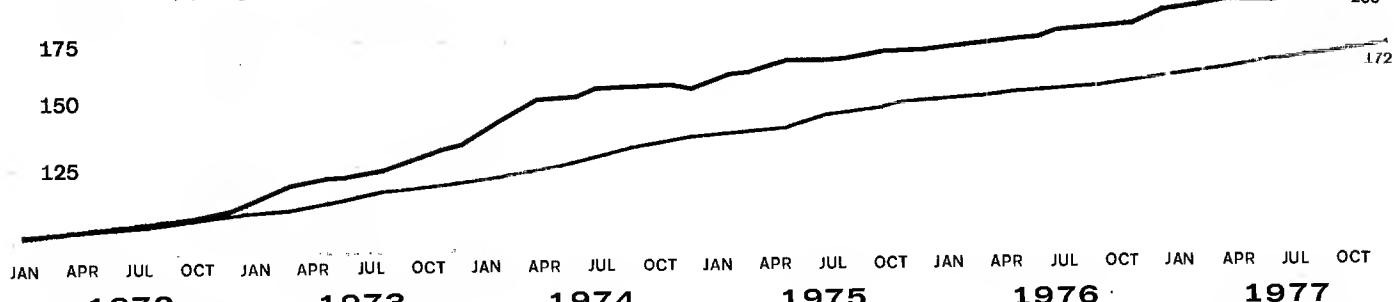
West Germany



France



¹Wholesale price indexes cover industrial goods.

United Kingdom**Italy****Canada**

	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE				LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE								
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier				1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier						
United States	DEC 77	0.4	8.3	6.7	4.5		United Kingdom	DEC 77	0.5	14.4	15.2	6.2					
	DEC 77	0.4	6.5	6.8	4.6			OEC 77	0.5	13.5	12.1	5.9					
Japan	DEC 77	-0.4	7.0	-1.5	-5.1		Italy	OCT 77	0.6	15.4	11.7	8.9					
	DEC 77	0.3	10.0	4.8	-3.6			DEC 77	0.5	13.2	14.9	12.8					
West Germany	OEC 77	0	4.9	1.7	-0.6		Canada	OCT 77	0.7	10.0	9.9	5.3					
	DEC 77	0.3	5.3	3.5	2.2			DEC 77	0.7	7.5	9.5	9.6					
France	SEP 77	0.6	8.2	6.1	5.4												
	NOV 77	0.4	9.0	9.1	8.5												

GNP¹**Constant Market Prices**

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 IV	1.0	3.3	5.7	4.2
Japan	77 III	0.5	5.4	5.1	1.8
West Germany	77 III	-0.1	6.1	2.1	-0.4
France	77 III	0.2	7.2	2.3	0.9
United Kingdom	77 II	0.7	1.6	1.9	2.9
Italy	77 II	-1.9	2.8	2.8	-7.3
Canada	77 III	1.3	4.9	2.5	5.3

¹ Seasonally adjusted.**RETAIL SALES¹****Constant Prices**

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	Nov 77	0.9	3.4	6.0	9.7
Japan	Sep 77	-4.2	9.3	4.1	0.7
West Germany	Sep 77	-0.8	2.3	1.7	9.5
France	Sep 77	-4.2	-1.3	-8.1	-2.8
United Kingdom	Dec 77	3.2	1.4	1.1	0.8
Italy	Aug 77	5.7	3.6	0.1	14.2
Canada	Oct 77	2.0	4.3	1.4	11.5

¹ Seasonally adjusted.² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.**FIXED INVESTMENT¹****Non-residential; constant prices**

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 IV	2.0	2.3	9.4	8.4
Japan	77 III	-1.1	0.8	0.8	-4.1
West Germany	77 III	1.7	0.5	8.3	6.8
France	77 III	-0.7	3.4	-0.7	-2.7
United Kingdom	77 II	11.2	1.7	8.0	53.2
Italy	77 II	-7.8	2.5	10.3	-27.6
Canada	77 III	-1.1	5.8	3.2	-4.2

¹ Seasonally adjusted.**WAGES IN MANUFACTURING¹**

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Nov 77	0.5	7.6	8.1	8.2
Japan	Oct 77	0	16.7	8.3	9.8
West Germany	77 III	1.2	9.3	7.4	5.0
France	77 IV	3.1	14.1	12.0	12.9
United Kingdom	Sep 77	0	15.2	3.1	2.7
Italy	Oct 77	0.1	20.5	23.8	18.8
Canada	Oct 77	0.2	11.3	11.4	8.9

¹ Hourly earnings (seasonally adjusted) for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data refer to the beginning of the quarter.² Average for latest 3 months compared with that for previous 3 months.**MONEY MARKET RATES**

		Representative rates	Percent Rate of Interest			
			Latest Date	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1 Month Earlier
United States	Commercial paper	Feb 1	6.76	4.80	6.57	6.68
Japan	Call money	Feb 3	5.25	7.00	4.63	5.25
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Feb 1	3.50	4.68	4.09	3.57
France	Call money	Feb 3	9.23	9.75	9.13	8.88
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Feb 1	6.39	12.21	4.83	6.50
Canada	Finance paper	Feb 1	7.08	8.18	7.38	7.06
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Feb 1	7.36	5.24	7.23	7.25

EXPORT PRICES Approved For Release 2002/01/30 : CIA-RDP79T01316A000900060002-4

US \$

National Currency									
Average Annual Growth Rate Since									
	Percent Change								
	Latest Month	from Previous Month	1970	Earlier	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1970	Earlier	1 Year Earlier
United States	Nav 77	1.1	9.3	2.7	3.8				
Japan	Jul 77	-1.8	10.4	10.4	-4.4				
West Germany	Oct 77	3.1	11.4	7.5	1.9				
France	Sep 77	-1.4	11.2	8.3	12.1				
United Kingdom	Dec 77	2.1	11.7	21.9	33.0				
Italy	Aug 77	1.4	11.4	13.2	21.1				
Canada	Oct 77	-0.6	8.7	-5.6	-11.4				

IMPORT PRICES

National Currency

OFFICIAL RESERVES									
Billion US \$									
	Latest Month								
	End of	Billion US \$	Jun 1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier				
United States	Dec 77	19.3	14.5	18.7	19.0				
Japan	Dec 77	22.8	4.1	16.6	17.9				
West Germany	Nov 77	36.8	8.8	34.6	34.9				
France	Oct 77	10.1	4.4	9.6	9.9				
United Kingdom	Oct 77	20.4	2.8	4.8	13.6				
Italy	Nov 77	11.7	4.7	6.5	10.5				
Canada	Nov 77	4.2	4.3	5.1	4.8				

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE¹

Cumulative (Million US \$)						
	Latest Period	Million US \$	1977	1976	Change	
United States ²	77 III	-4,302	-13,064	-48	-13,016	
Japan	Dec 77	2,180	11,112	3,680	7,432	
West Germany	Dec 77	1,205	3,569	2,658	.910	
France	77 III	-786	-2,809	-4,483	1,674	
United Kingdom	77 III	916	-691	-1,539	848	
Italy	77 II	161	-768	-2,859	2,091	
Canada	77 III	-1,146	-4,102	-3,215	-886	

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.
² Seasonally adjusted.

BASIC BALANCE¹

Current and Long-Term-Capital Transactions

Cumulative (Million US \$)						
	Latest Period	Million US \$	1977	1976	Change	
United States			No longer published ²			
Japan	Dec 77	1,920	7,876	2,696	5,180	
West Germany	Oct 77	831	-3,660	1,841	-5,501	
France	77 III	-1,123	-2,908	-6,121	3,214	
United Kingdom	77 III	2,238	3,994	-1,585	5,580	
Italy	77 II	97	-395	-2,963	2,568	
Canada	77 III	345	-447	3,239	-3,686	

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² As recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Presentation of Balance of Payments Statistics, the Department of Commerce no longer publishes a basic balance.

EXCHANGE RATES

Spot Rate

As of 3 Feb 78

	Percent Change from			
	US \$	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	27 Jan 78
	Per Unit	19 Mar 73	Earlier	27 Jan 78
Japan (yen)	0.0041	8.86	19.45	2.02
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.4754	34.26	15.17	6.93
France (franc)	0.2073	-5.96	3.07	1.10
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	1.9410	-21.13	13.18	6.94
Italy (lira)	0.0012	-34.92	1.59	1.23
Canada (dollar)	0.9019	-9.60	-7.79	0.08
				-0.23

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES¹

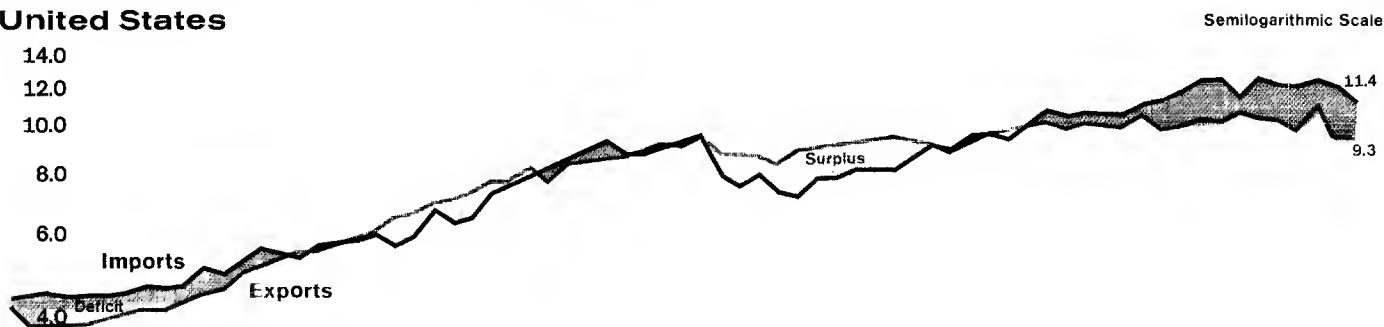
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	Percent Change from			
	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	27 Jan 78	
	19 Mar 73	Earlier	Earlier	27 Jan 78
United States	2.20	-3.90	-2.53	0.14
Japan	13.23	17.13	0.57	0.10
West Germany	31.34	7.66	2.38	0.52
France	-12.80	-5.98	-4.23	-2.20
United Kingdom	-24.96	7.59	3.00	-0.24
Italy	-41.38	-6.39	-3.21	0.31
Canada	-9.17	-9.92	-0.85	-0.20

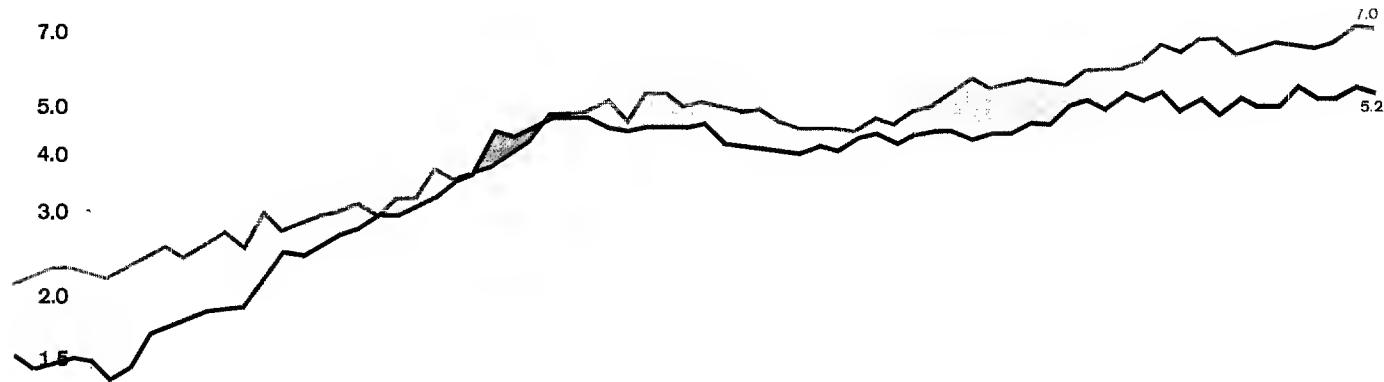
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FOREIGN TRADE BILLION US \$, f.o.b., seasonally adjusted

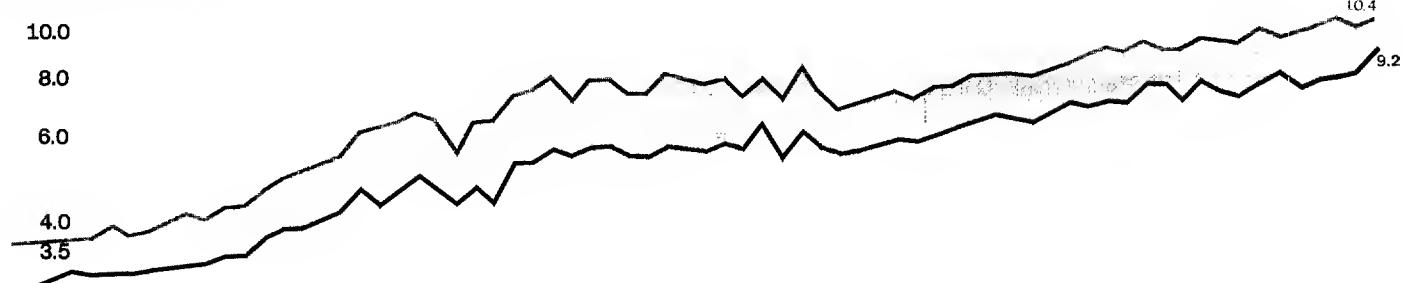
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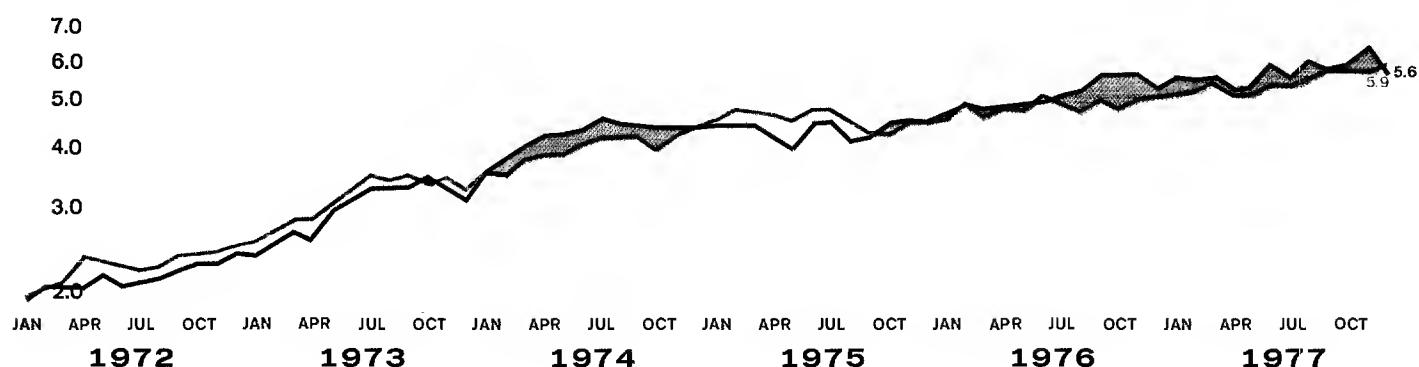
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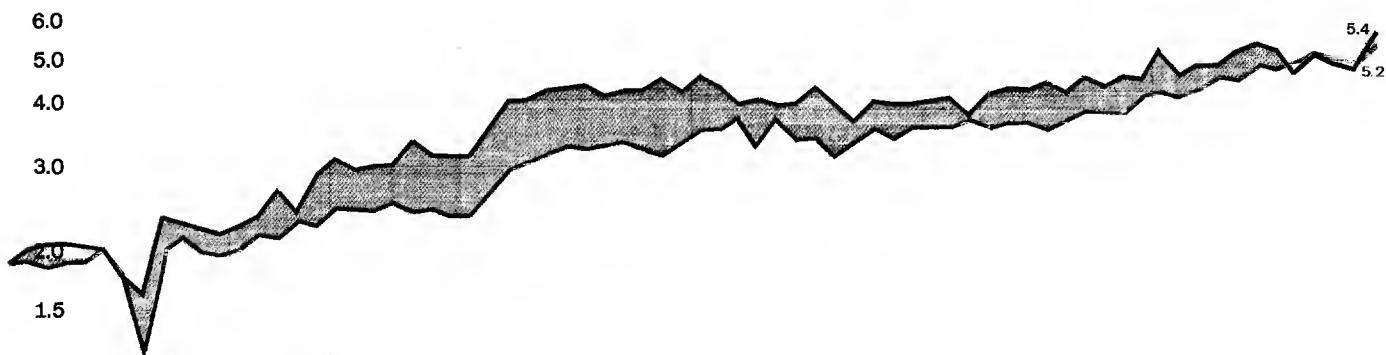
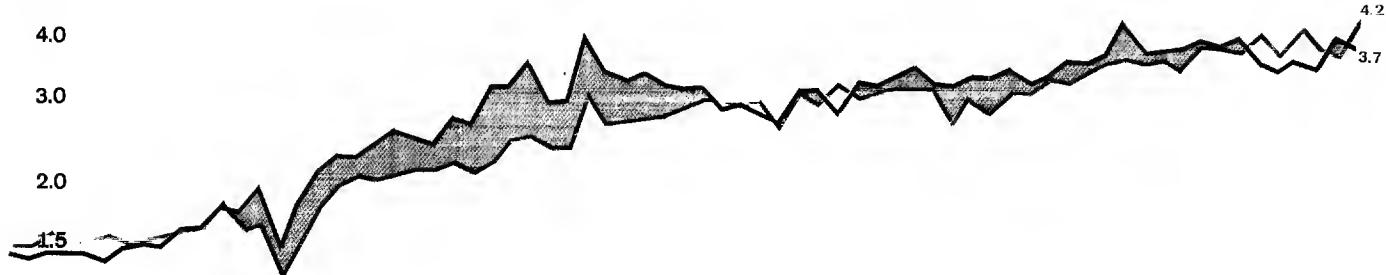
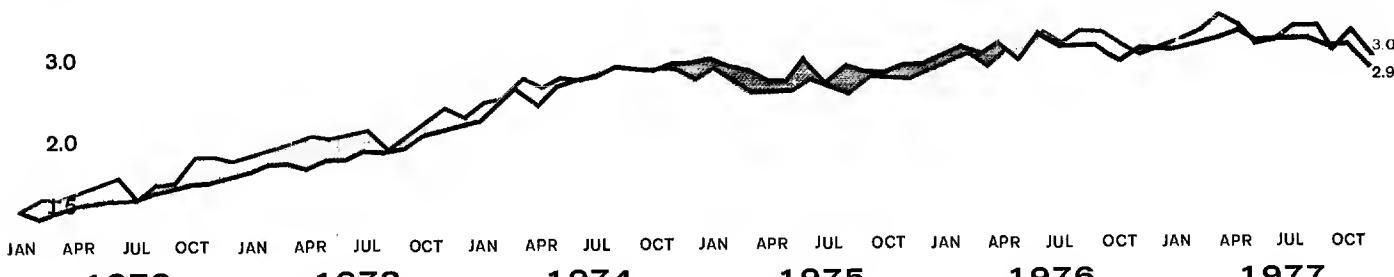


France



United Kingdom

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**Italy****Canada**

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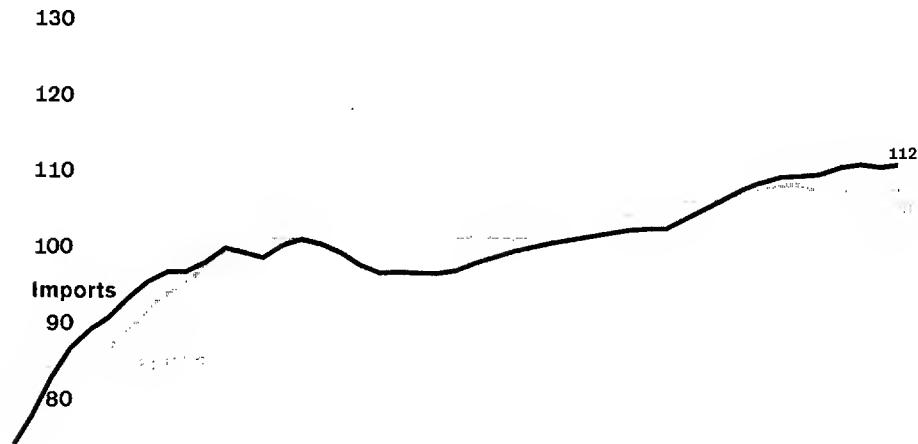
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			1977	1976	CHANGE			1977	1976	CHANGE	
United States	NOV 77	9,304	109,078	104,463	4.4%	United Kingdom	DEC 77	5,226	56,132	44,643	25.7%
	Balance	<u>11,386</u>	<u>133,556</u>	<u>109,475</u>	<u>22.0%</u>		5,375	<u>59,024</u>	<u>51,108</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	
Japan	DEC 77	7,042	79,212	65,751	20.5%	Italy	NOV 77	4,183	40,523	33,427	21.2%
	Balance	<u>5,247</u>	<u>61,752</u>	<u>56,004</u>	<u>10.3%</u>		3,728	<u>40,042</u>	<u>36,777</u>	<u>8.9%</u>	
West Germany	DEC 77	10,379	117,173	101,754	15.2%	Canada	NOV 77	3,008	37,820	35,202	7.4%
	Balance	<u>9,194</u>	<u>96,533</u>	<u>83,574</u>	<u>15.5%</u>		2,906	<u>36,120</u>	<u>34,726</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	
France	DEC 77	5,903	65,087	56,967	14.3%	Balance	103	1,700	475	1,225	
	Balance	<u>5,557</u>	<u>67,389</u>	<u>61,068</u>	<u>10.4%</u>						
		346	-2,302	-4,101	1,799						

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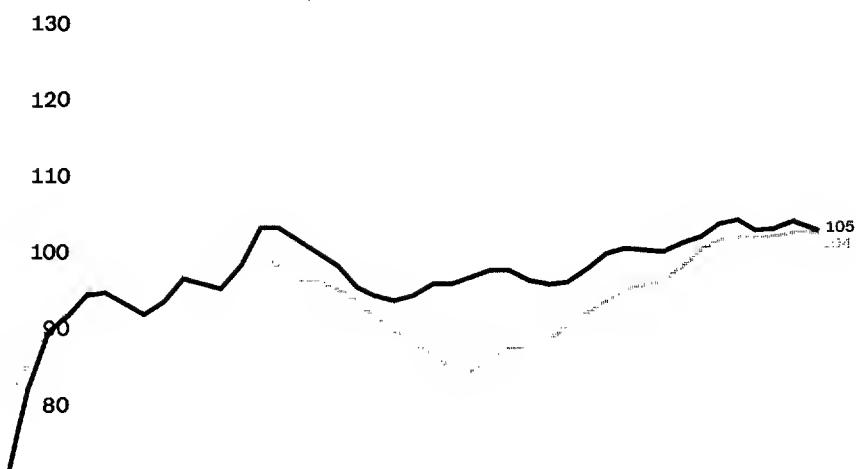
FOREIGN TRADE PRICES IN US \$¹

United States

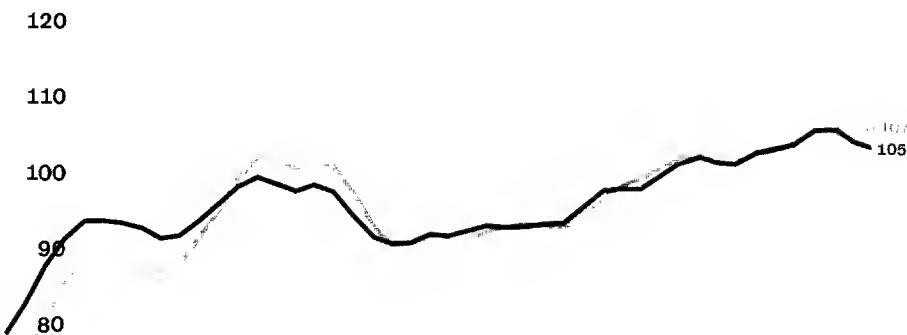
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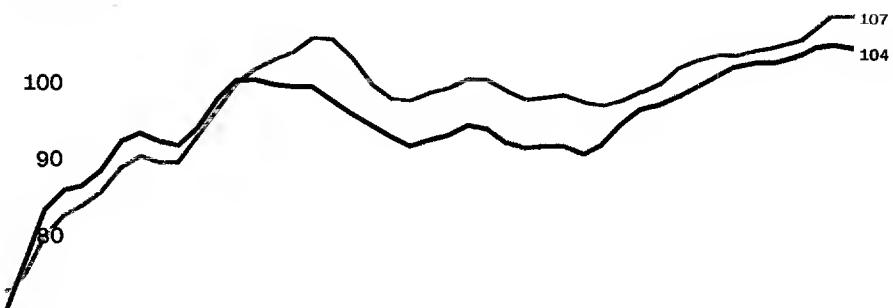
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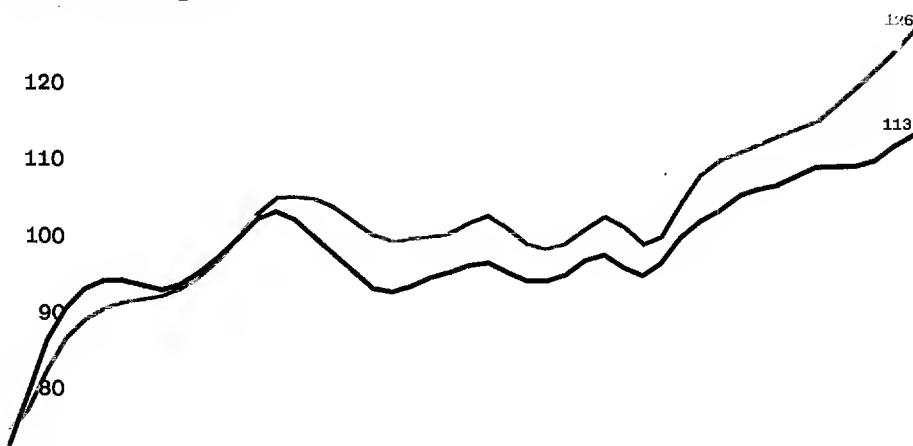
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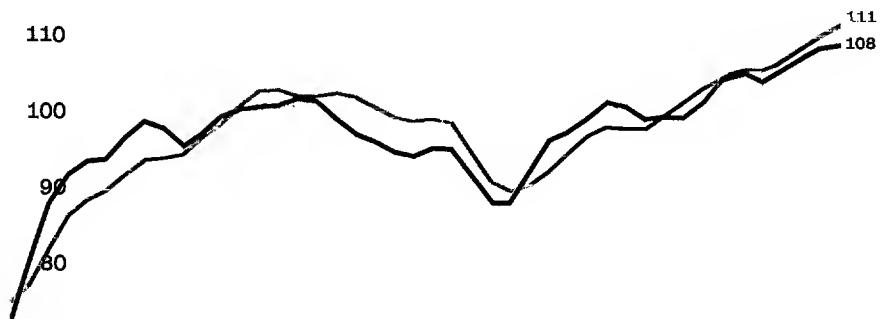
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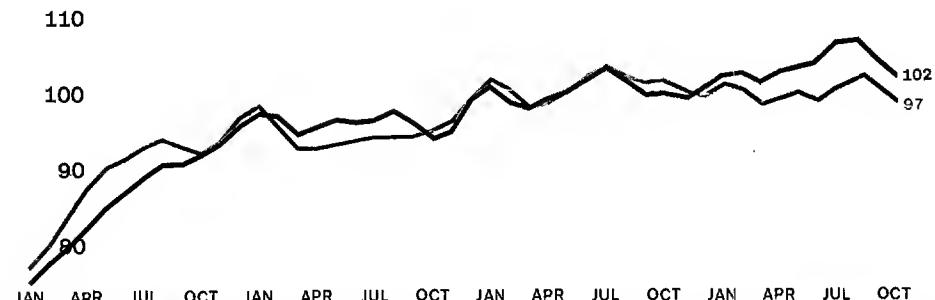
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SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION¹

	Latest Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Period		1970	Earlier
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²		
India	Aug 77	4.0	4.9	8.2	-7.3
South Korea	Nov 77	0.3	21.9	13.9	9.2
Mexico	Sep 77	0.2	6.0	5.3	11.2
Nigeria	76 IV	0.2	11.3	9.0	0.7
Taiwan	Oct 77	0.5	14.9	13.5	23.1

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

MONEY SUPPLY¹

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1970	Earlier
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²		
Brazil	Aug 77	0	36.7	46.2	59.1
India	Aug 77	2.9	13.4	15.6	7.8
Iran	Sep 77	3.3	28.5	21.2	-1.4
South Korea	Oct 77	5.9	32.5	47.9	43.1
Mexico	Oct 77	4.9	19.5	26.6	21.9
Nigeria	Apr 77	-2.3	36.9	47.5	99.7
Taiwan	Oct 77	3.2	24.8	29.1	30.6
Thailand	Jun 77	-0.9	13.2	13.0	14.9

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

CONSUMER PRICES

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1970	Earlier
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
Brazil	Dec 77	2.3	27.4	43.1	
India	Sep 77	1.2	8.5	9.6	
Iran	Nov 77	0.7	12.2	23.9	
South Korea	Nov 77	0.4	14.2	10.6	
Mexico	Nov 77	1.1	14.9	22.0	
Nigeria	Jun 77	4.0	16.2	23.7	
Taiwan	Oct 77	-1.1	10.6	9.9	
Thailand	Oct 77	0.5	8.7	9.0	

WHOLESALE PRICES

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1970	Earlier
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
Brazil	Oct 77	2.3	27.2	34.4	
India	Nov 77	-0.7	8.7	4.0	
Iran	Nov 77	1.9	10.3	12.3	
South Korea	Nov 77	0.4	16.0	8.8	
Mexico	Nov 77	0	16.1	23.1	
Taiwan	Oct 77	-0.2	8.7	3.8	
Thailand	Oct 77	-1.2	9.7	5.5	

EXPORT PRICES

US \$

	Latest Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Period		1970	Earlier
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
Brazil	Sep 77	-8.2	13.3	4.7	
India	Mar 77	-0.9	9.6	17.9	
Iran	Oct 77	0	34.1	10.3	
South Korea	77 III	0.9	8.6	6.5	
Nigeria	May 76	-0.1	27.3	12.3	
Taiwan	Sep 77	2.6	12.1	8.2	
Thailand	Dec 76	2.0	13.3	13.1	

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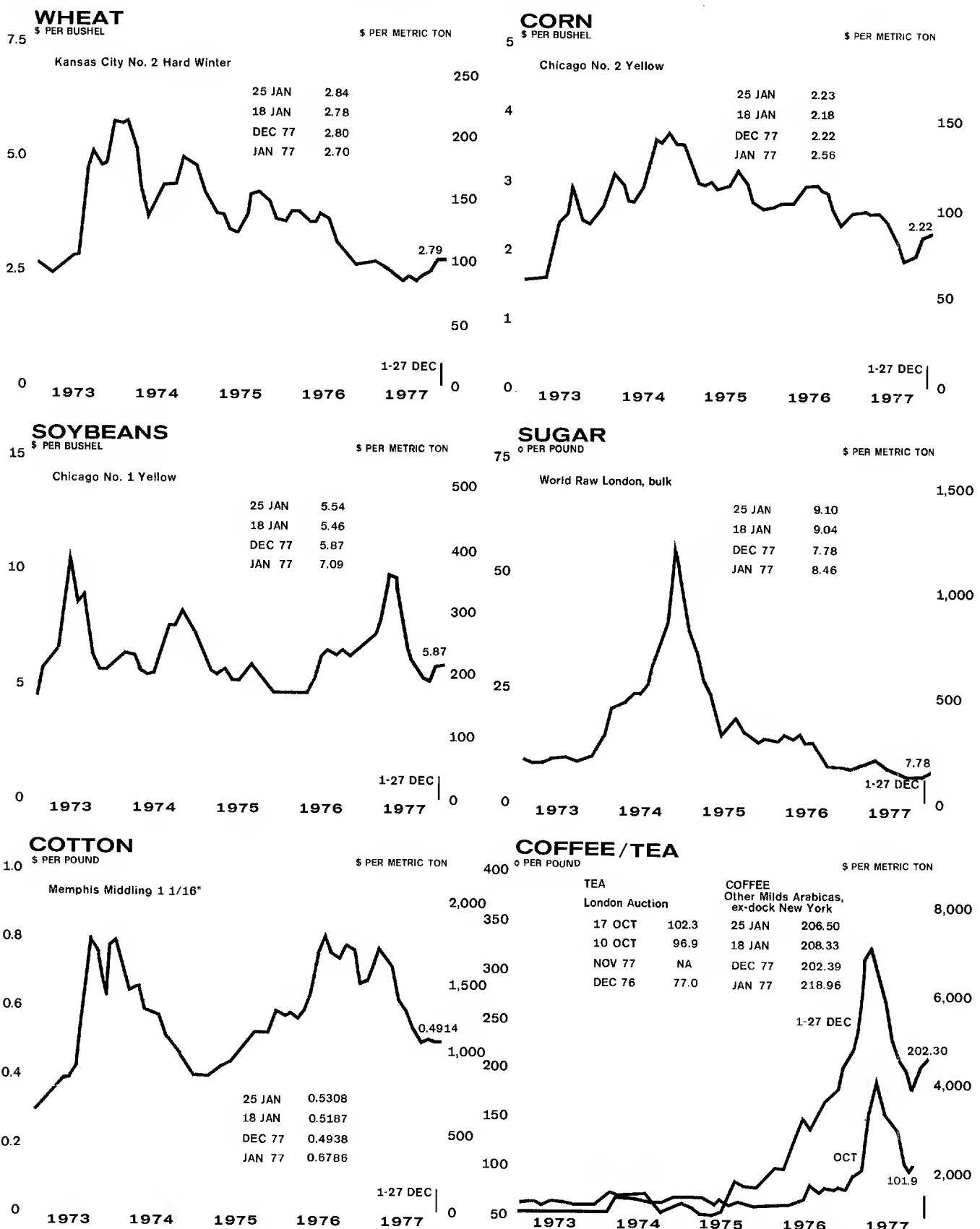
	Latest Month	Million US \$			
		End of		Million US \$	Jun 1970
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
Brazil	Aug 77	6,195	1,013	4,405	5,806
India	Oct 77	4,886	1,006	2,778	4,395
Iran	Nov 77	11,511	208	9,124	11,561
South Korea	Oct 77	4,246	602	2,586	3,656
Mexico	Mar 76	1,501	695	1,479	1,533
Nigeria	Oct 77	4,551	148	5,635	4,495
Taiwan	Nov 77	1,469	531	1,676	1,416
Thailand	Nov 77	1,864	978	1,893	1,992

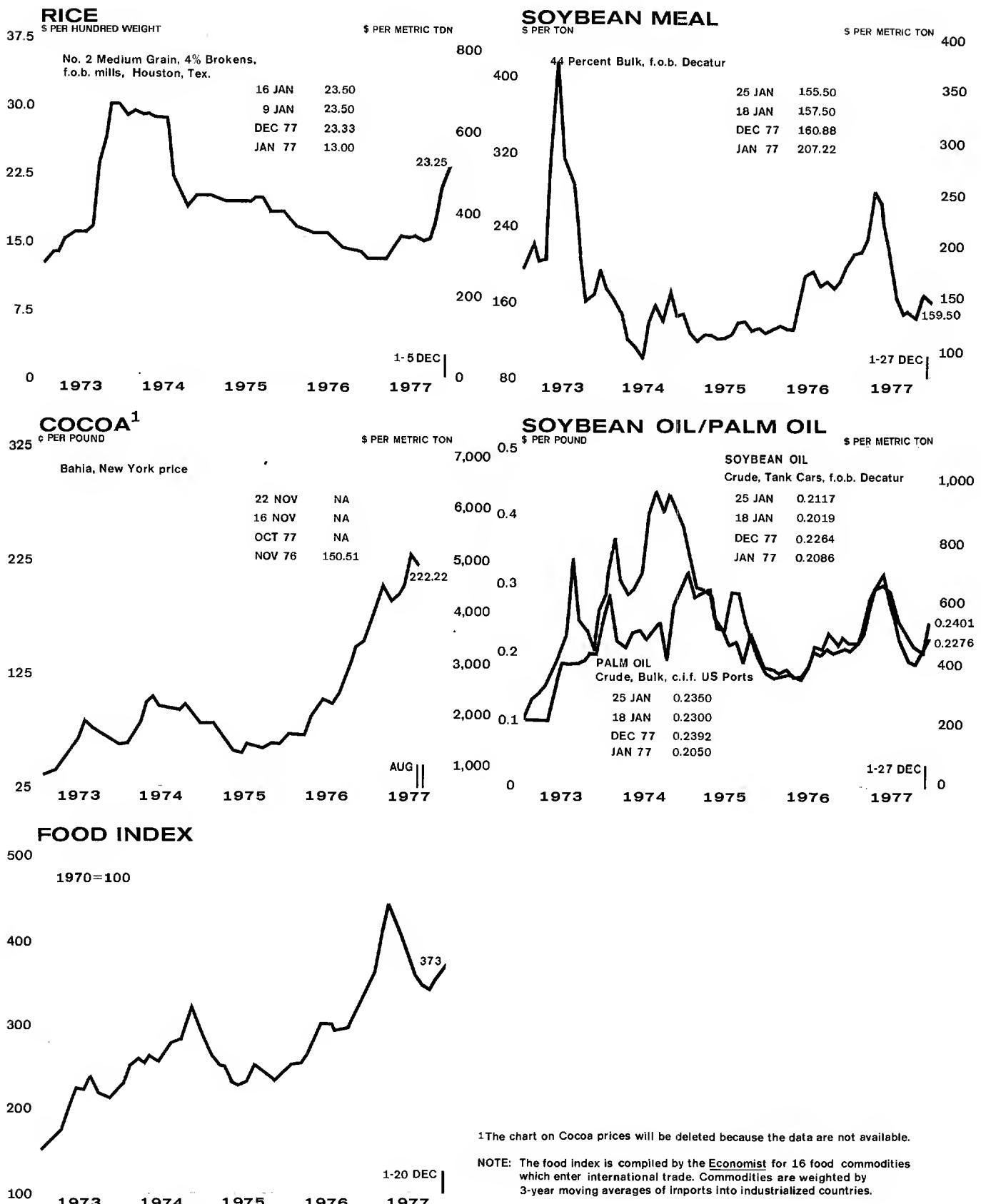
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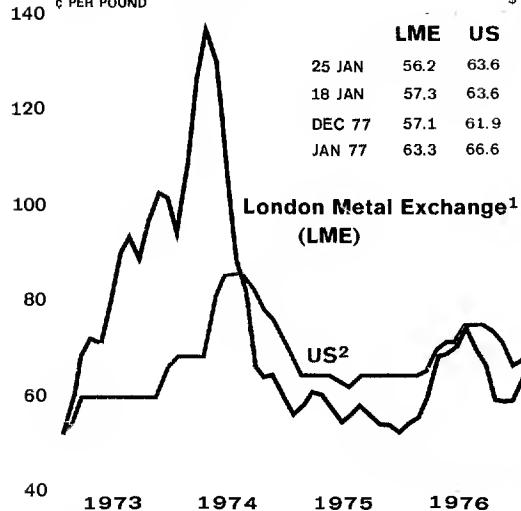
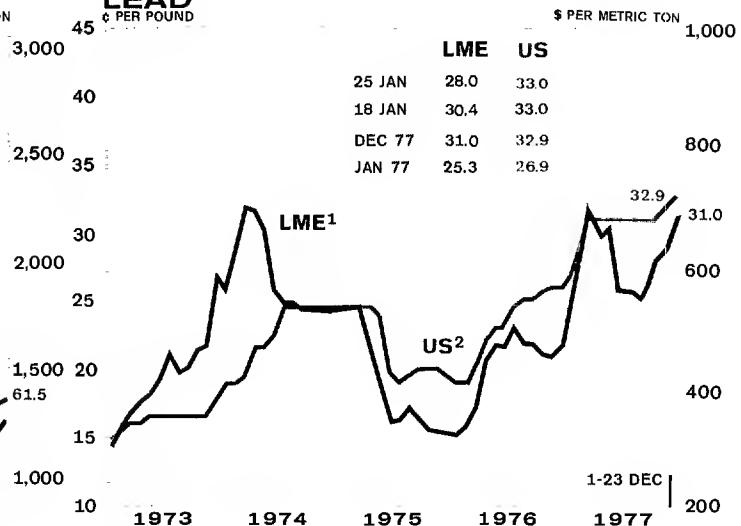
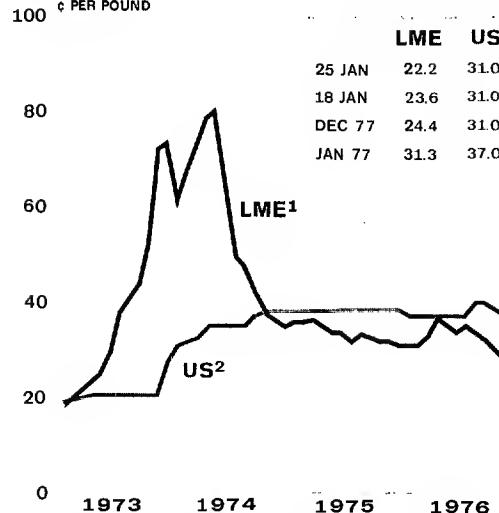
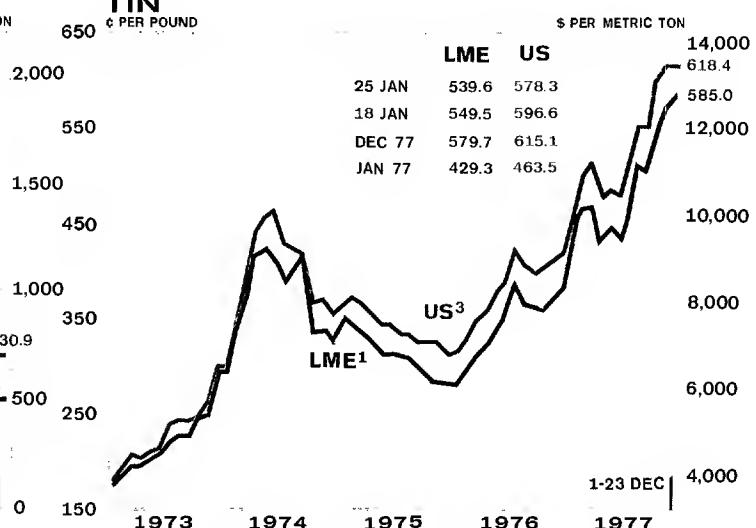
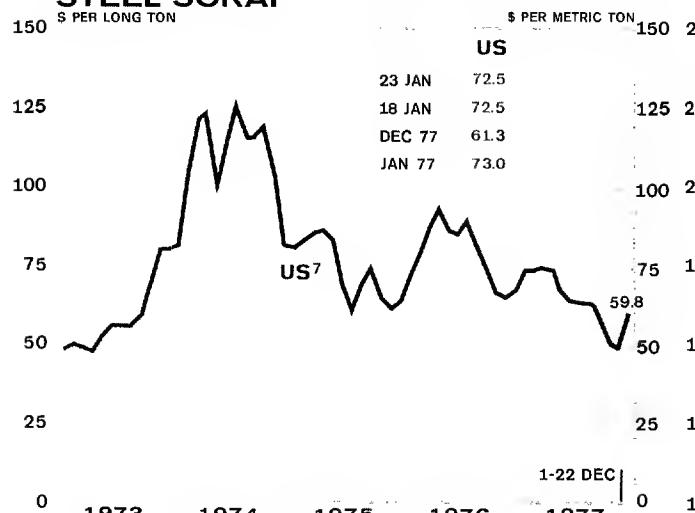
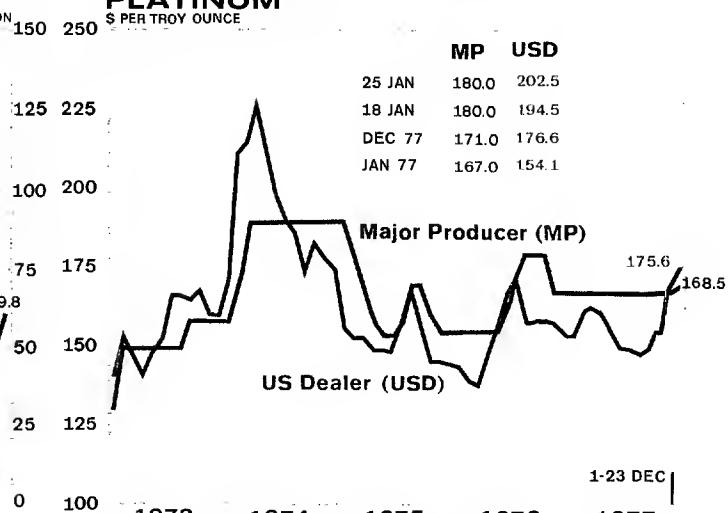
			Latest Period	Latest 3 Months		Cumulative (Million US \$)	
				Percent Change from			
				3 Months Earlier ¹	1 Year Earlier		
Brazil	Nov 77	Exports	-51.6	-0.2	11,083	9,043	22.6%
	Nov 77	Imports	-6.5	-5.1	11,012	11,305	-2.6%
	Nov 77	Balance			71	-2,262	2,333
India	Aug 77	Exports	-64.0	5.0	3,949	3,355	17.7%
	Aug 77	Imports	28.4	7.3	3,258	2,946	10.6%
	Aug 77	Balance			691	410	281
Iran	Oct 77	Exports	57.9	2.6	19,764	18,820	5.0%
	Sep 77	Imports	2.8	20.3	9,479	8,770	8.1%
	Sep 77	Balance			8,209	7,971	238
South Korea	Oct 77	Exports	-6.2	20.2	7,831	6,217	26.0%
	Oct 77	Imports	-9.9	22.0	7,897	6,461	22.2%
	Oct 77	Balance			-66	-244	178
Mexico	Oct 77	Exports	-29.0	34.3	3,367	2,573	30.9%
	Oct 77	Imports	70.1	8.3	4,189	4,838	-13.4%
	Oct 77	Balance			-822	-2,266	1,443
Nigeria	Sep 77	Exports	-18.9	14.6	3,638	2,940	23.7%
	Dec 76	Imports	86.7	8.4	2,531	1,990	27.2%
	Dec 76	Balance			1,502	1,102	399
Taiwan	Oct 77	Exports	-18.9	12.8	7,440	6,572	13.2%
	Oct 77	Imports	-31.0	9.8	6,353	5,667	12.1%
	Oct 77	Balance			1,087	904	183
Thailand	Aug 77	Exports	-17.5	26.8	2,395	1,911	25.3%
	Sep 77	Imports	32.3	36.6	3,077	2,384	29.1%
	Aug 77	Balance			-322	-190	-132

¹ At annual rates.

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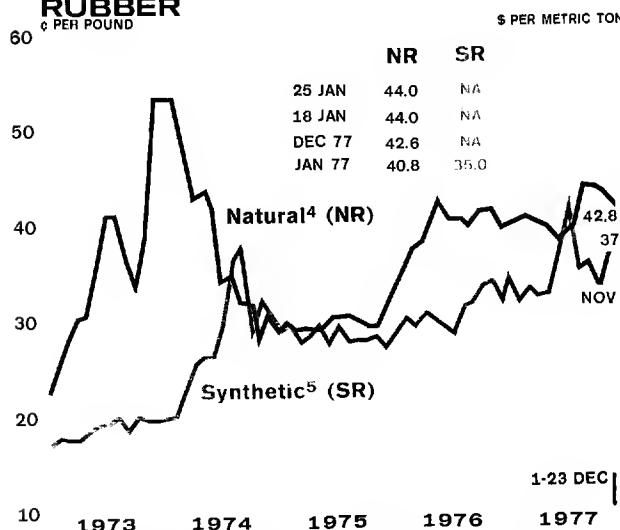
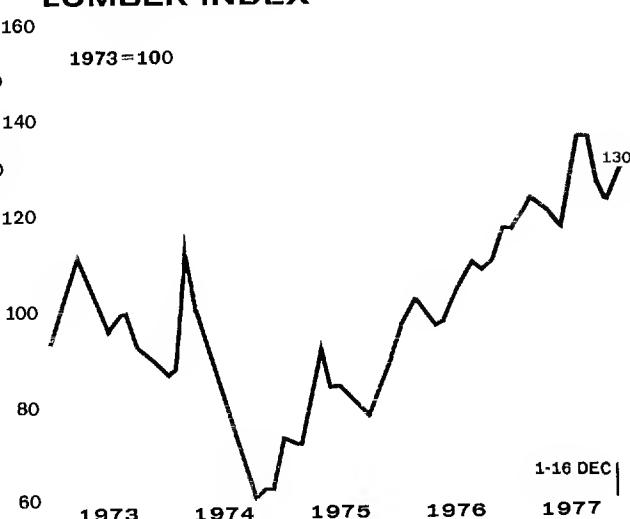




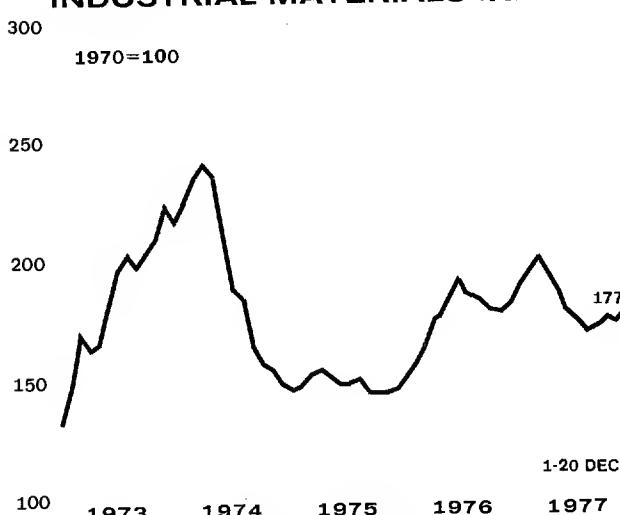
INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE**COPPER WIRE BAR****LEAD****ZINC****TIN****STEEL SCRAP****PLATINUM**

SELECTED MATERIALS

			CURRENT	JUL 77	JAN 77	JAN 76
ALUMINUM	Major US Producer	¢ per pound	53.00	52.90	48.00	41.00
US STEEL	Composite	\$ per long ton	359.36	357.08	339.27	308.72
IRON ORE	Non-Bessemer Old Range	\$ per long ton	21.43	21.43	20.88	19.04
CHROME ORE	Russian, Metallurgical Grade	\$ per metric ton	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
CHROME ORE	S. Africa, Chemical Grade	\$ per long ton	58.50	58.50	42.00	39.00
FERROCHROME	US Producer, 66-70 Percent	¢ per pound	41.00	43.00	43.00	47.00
NICKEL	Composite US Producer	¢ per pound	2.07	2.41	2.41	2.20
MANGANESE ORE	48 Percent Mn	\$ per long ton	72.24	72.00	72.00	67.20
TUNGSTEN ORE	Contained Metal	\$ per metric ton	20,807.00	22,147.00	19,707.00	11,195.00
MERCURY	NY	\$ per 76 pound flask	155.00	112.32	141.19	120.70
SILVER	LME Cash	¢ per troy ounce	494.70	453.08	440.61	406.20
GOLD	London Afternoon Fixing Price	\$ per troy ounce	173.26	143.39	132.28	131.49

RUBBER
¢ PER POUNDLUMBER INDEX⁶

INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS INDEX



¹Approximates world market price frequently used by major world producers and traders, although only small quantities of these metals are actually traded on the LME.

²Producers' price, covers most primary metals sold in the U.S.

³As of 1 Dec 75, US tin price quoted is "Tin NY lb composite."

⁴Quoted on New York market.

⁵S-type styrene, US export price.

⁶This index is compiled by using the average of 13 types of lumber whose prices are regarded as bellwethers of US lumber construction costs.

⁷Composite price for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

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